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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM SISCO

1. VISIT THIS WEEKEND TO ANKARA OF PROMINENT CONGRESS-
IONAL DELEGATION HEADED BY CHAIRMAN MORGAN PROVIDES CON-
VENIENT OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE TO HIGHEST LEVELS OF
TURKISH GOVERNMENT IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO EARLIEST POSSIBLE
RESUMPTION OF CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS. PRESENTATIONS COULD BE
ALONG LINES I RECENTLY TOOK WITH TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL
(REFTEL A) AND WOULD SEEM PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE GIVEN
THE EVIDENT DIFFICULTY UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM SEEMS
TO BE HAVING IN GETTING AGREEMENT -- ESPECIALLY FROM
TURKISH CYPRIOTS -- ON DATE AND VENUE FOR RESUMPTION OF
CYPRUS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

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2. IN EXPLAINING WHY EARLY RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE, YOU CAN RECALL TO TURKISH OFFICIALS THAT PRESIDENT MUST SUBMIT FURTHER REPORT TO CONGRESS ON FEBRUARY 5 DETAILING PROGRESS TOWARD A CYPRUS SOLUTION. CONTENT OF REPORT WILL INEVITABLY AFFECT SUBSEQUENT CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE LEVELS. POINT SHOULD ALSO BE STRESSED THAT EXPECTATIONS CREATED BY

BRUSSELS UNDERSTANDING IN DECEMBER 1975 HAVE LED TO RENEWED CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC FOCUS ON CYPRUS ISSUE, AND THAT APPEARANCE NOW OF TURKISH OR TURKISH-CYPRIOT FOOT DRAGGING WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACT IN THIS COUNTRY.
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